

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The undersigned thanks the Examiner for the personal interview regarding the above-identified application conducted on March 21, 2007. During the interview, the Examiner noted that claims 1, 12, and 14 contained the language “determining if,” and that such language might result in those claims being rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. The Examiner suggested that amending the claims to replace “determining if” with “determining whether” would obviate such a rejection.

Consequently, Applicants amend claims 1, 12, and 14 to change each instance of “determining if” to “determining whether” in accordance with the Examiner’s suggestion. In addition, minor amendments also are made to claims 1 and 14 to clarify the claims and place them in better condition for further examination.

It is believed that the claims as presently amended are in condition for allowance, and a prompt notice of allowance is earnestly solicited. However, if the Examiner believes the application is not in condition for allowance or has any questions regarding the present application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at (202) 624-7326.

Respectfully submitted,

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